Forever."

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Unsettled and slightly warmer Wednesday; probably showers in south portion; Thursday fair and warmer.

THE WEATHER.

DENBURGER

HUNS IN FULL FLIGHT FOR EASTERN SIDE OF CANAL DU NORD

Strong British Forces Cleaning Up German Positions; Enemy Working Frantically to Save Men and Materials From Wreck in and Behind Shattered Defense System.

By Associated Press.

Paris Sept. 3 .- French troops have crossed the Somme near Epenancourt, according to the War office announcement tonight. They have also gained a foothold on the east side of the Canal Du Nord.

With the British Army in France, Sept. 3.—The British victory in the battle of the Drocourt-Queant line seems complete. Without having delivered a single counter-attack and staggering from the blows administered yesterday the Germans last night and this morning were in full flight for the eastern side of the Canal Du Nord.

The enemy is trying to save what men and material he can from the wreck in and behind one of the most powerful defense

Generals March and Crowder

Discuss With President the

Changes to Be Made

in Regulations.

are contemplated in the basic rules

governing the operation of the draft

in the case of men included under

the new age limits. This was indi-

cated today by Provost Marshal Gen-

eral Crowder who, after going to the

White House with General March,

explained that the principles which

prevailed in the selection of men be-

ween the ages of 21 and 31 would

There will be some changes in the

details relating to men engaged in

certain industries and more especial-

believed that rules to cover all ques-

tions that can be foreseen now will

be sent to draft boards within a few

General March and General Crow-

der conferred with President Wilson

for an hour. They were summoned by the president, who wished to fa-

miliarize himself with all details of

the man power measure and pro-

posed method of operation.
Whether arrangements will be made

which will automatically exempt rail-

road men and coal miners as a body

cannot yet be stated. Director Gen-

eral McAdoo is understood to be in

than the decision of local boards for

exempting essential railroad em-

ployes. General Crowder said that,

under present plans, the matter of

exempting this class of workers would be in the hands of the district

boards to be taken up by them after

on by the local boards, which, he

The dispatch, dated Monday even-

forces on the Onon river, and Gen-

at Vladivostok, already is in tele-

graphic communication with the

"From Penea, on the Volga, to

ladivostok," the correspondent adds,

there is now an uninterrupted chain

Austrian Forces Driven Back

war office announced today.

In Italy by Advance Guards

Rome, Sep. 3-Austro-Hungarian

trans-Baikal Czechs.

of allied troops."

be retained in large measure.

systems ever devised.

The much boasted Drocourt-O-Queant line, or, as the Germans call it, the Wotan line, is totally shat-The British are driving far MAL through it and the Germans are hurrying eastward, leaving behind only pockets of machine guiners and even resistance from these is gradually Roll Up Hindenburg Line.

Strong British forces are now fight-g their way down the Hindenburg line Itself and are cleaning it up as they go. Meanwhile, a little south from here, another force is driving on the Hindenburg line frontally. The Hun has tasted disaster in the Drocourt line battle and now his disorganized and badly depleted forces are working fast to prevent an even greater catastrophe overtaking him. The British are rapidly approaching

and are close to the Canal Du Nord, the territory behind which is even now under heavy fire from many British cannon.

Ordered Out in Hurry. The foe knows this movement contains a menace to some of his forces and orders apparently have been given to get them out with haste. The Canal Du Nord, where the Germans are retiring, is simply a canal under construction and contains no water. It is like a railroad tunnel with the top off. It is 80 feet across and 60 feet deep, with its sides for the most part granite-walled, sloping slightly inward toward the bottom. There may be as hard fighting here

It was early in the morning, after night in which a most stubborn battle was fought, that the Germans began to show real signs of generally being beaten. The village of Etaing was reported cleared up. Hamblain-Les-Prez, on the extreme flank, was taken and the troops moved eastward. But they did not go far, as the Germans, in desperation, had dammed the river Scarpe at Vitry-En-Artois and flooded the low lands in this locality.

as there was last year.

Push Sharply Forward. Patrols entered Biache-St. Vaast which soon was reported captured From this general locality on the north the British pushed sharply forward. Early in the forenoon airplanes reported no Germans in any number west of Ecourt St. Quentin, which is east of Recourt and Saudemont, where the British were pushing on and overcoming the diminish-

The first substantial indication that the Germans admitted defeat was the questionnaires have been passed when the British troops entered Recourt after having reached the out- said, are without jurisdiction to exskirts last night. They had been in the town only a few minutes when he is an essential industrial worker. the enemy artillery began shelling it

heavily from a distance. The British drove down the Arras-(Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Slayer Kills Himself After Holding Big Posse At Bay for Four Hours to Vladivostok.

San Pedro, Cal., Sept. 3.—The body of Marion Ciserich was found in his home here tonight after he had fought off a dozen policemen and scores of soldiers, sailors and citizens, eral Diedrichs, the Czech commander some of whom were armed. The fight lasted two hours, during which the house was riddled with bullets. Beside the body of Ciserich lay his infant, who had not been harmed by

The crowd gathered following circu lation of a report that Ciserich had slain his wife. Her body was found in the same room with Ciserich when the crowd finally broke into the

A 10-year-old daughter of the couple was slightly wounded in one detachments were driven back yesterarm. A 15-year-old son was shot in one foot. According to the police, Stelvio and Tonale, on the western the children were shot before the end of the Austro-Italian front, the crowd gathered.

Germans Unable to Care For Wounded in Retreat

By Associated Press.

With the American Army in France, wounded who poured into the station Sept. 3.—Just beyond Juvigny during as the Americans advanced. their advance the Americans captured days and practically no attention.

treat and the great numbers of Germany.

In this dressing station quantities of French lace curtains were found a German dressing station and several which had been cut into strips for wounded Germans and rescued two bandages and also crepe paper used wounded Americans. The rescued for the same purpose. The lace had Americans had had little food for two been taken by the Germans from French homes in various sections, sterifized and medicated, cut into The Americans did not complain strips and rolled the same as reguas the German wounded were not lation bandadges. The Germans evigiven much attention either. This dently had been obliged to use it be-

RAIL EMPLOYES

Will Add Nearly Hundred

Million Dollars to An-

nual Payroll.

per cent above the present wages.

Details of the new order will be

announced to morrow. The director

general adopted most of the recom-

mendations of the board of railway

wages and working conditions whic

investigated requests for employes for

more pay. Pay increases for railroad

telegraphers are the subject of an-

other report to be made soon to the

Garnisheeing of the wages of rail-

The wages were held in the order to

be, prior to their payment to the

men, government funds against which

legal action may not be taken. Mr.

plain that employes who do not pay their bills will be dismissed.

Canadian Rail Men Get Raise.

all the railroads in the Dominion, un-

der an agreement announced here to

The agreement was reached

through the Canadian railway war

board, through its labor committee

and representatives of the Railroad

Shopmen's federation, which had pre-

Debs Must Go to Trial.

Cleveland, Sept. 3.-Federal Judge

D. C. Westenhaver today overruled

a motion to quash the indictment

against Eugene V. Debs, charged

with violation of the espionage act

in a speech at the socialist state con-

Suffering Great Sorrow,

Geneva, Sept. 3.—Swiss who saw Emperor William and King Ferdinand at their Nauheim con-

ference recently, according to the

Democrate, say the German ruler

has aged greatly, his hair is snow white and his shoulders stooped. The emperor's eyes are feverish,

his gestures abrupt and his face, which is severely lined and tanned,

gives the general impression of a

man suffering a great sorrow.

The Democrate learns that the emperor's visit to King Ferdinand

was for the object of obtaining Bul-

garian divisions for the western front in order to release German

reserves, similar to the way Austro-

Hungarian troops are being used to fill the gaps. In the meantime German recruits barely 18 years old

have received orders to prepare to join the fighting forces in Oc-

Are You Reading

Oh, Money! Money!

By ELEANOR H. PORTER

Author of "Pollyanna" and "Just David"

Today's Installment on Page 5

Kaiser Looks Like Man

sented the wage demand.

was set for September 9.

McAdoo at the same time made it

director general.

McAdoo.

GREAT BATTLE ALONG AISNE

Lines of Enemy Converted Into Raise Approved by McAdoo Seething Inferno of Smoke and Dust by Intense Bombardment.

American Headquarters in France, Sept. 2, (Reuter's)—A great fight has been in progress all day north and ployes in the United States, share in northeast of Soissons. The Germans additional wage increases approved today by Director General McAdoo are defending the Pont Ruge plateau for track laborers, watchmen, other northeast of Soissons and the Laon maintenance of way employes, clerks, railway with great vigor, as well as station agents and other classes of bank of the Aisne.

The Americans are bombarding the The new increases, the German positions from the south and granted in supplement to the govwest. The lines of the enemy for ernment's general wage order, will hours have been a seething inferno of add nearly \$100,000,000 to the annual smoke and dust. The villages he has railroad payrolls, it is said. Most of been holding are burning like vast the increases range from 10 to 30

The Germans at 1 o'clock drenched the American positions on the Juvigny plateau with gas, but in retaliation an American barrage silenced Washington, Sept. 3.-No changes their guns.

The scene in the bright September sunshine is one of extraordinary splendor. The entire battlefield is spread out before one. Every shell burst can be seen over a front of many miles. Captured Guns Turned Upon Foe.

With the American Army in France, Sept. 3 .- During the eastward advance from Juvigny two 105 millimeter guns captured by the Americans were turned by the American artillerists upon the enemy. The big y to men of more mature age in- and all the Americans had to do was cluded in the new registration. Just to switch their muzzles in the opwhat these are the government is posite direction to which they had been pointing. A great supply of ammunition for the guns also was taken and soon after the capture the not prepared to announce, but it is 105s were roaring against their former owners.

Many German machine guns also are being turned upon the enemy. the Americans operating them having been given a special course of training prior to the battle, practicing with guns captured north of the

Artillery Activity Along Vesle. There has been considerable acrial activity in the Vesle region and several combats in the air. One German machine is reported to have been favor of providing some method other downed by allied airmen.

The usual artillery activity along the Vesle is being carried out, with the Germans paying particular attention to the town of Fismes, which is held by the Americans.

Fires are reported to have been seen all during last night south of the Aisne in the regions of Dhuizel Barbonval and Longueval, territory in the hands of the enemy. Late to-day scout aviators reported additional

More Than 40,000 Arrested Allies Hold Unbroken Line In New York Slacker Hunt All the Way Across Siberia

New York, Sept. 3.-Federal offici-London, Sept. 3.—According to the Daily Mail's Harbin correspondent the allied forces have established unals estimated more than 40,000 suspected slackers had been arrested today in New York and nearby cities. interrupted connection between their Semiofficial estimates of the num-ber of willful slackers or deserters forces across Siberia from the Volga ran from 50 per cent of the men arrested in certain districts of the ing, says the vanguard of the Czecho-Slovak forces from Verkni-Udinsk, Bronx to 5 per cent in other districts. Most of the prisoners, it was said, come from other parts of the coun-80 miles east of Lake Baikal, have joined hands with General Seminoff's

As the task of housing, feeding and guarding the suspects become hourly more serious, Charles F. De Woody head of the federal investigation bureau, conferred here with Governor Whitman. It was said that at the conference the question of mobilizing the state guard was discussed.

It was found that many of the 40, 000 arrested were from out-of-town. This feature was explained by Capt. David Asch, assistant to the director of the draft board in this district, who declared that "New York is the greatest slackers' retreat in America."

from police stations to armories.

CZECHO-SLOVAK PEOPLES BY U. S. Recognition of New Nation Sig-

nifies New Alignment of Demands Upon Germany and Austria.

SUPPORT GIVEN

Washington, Sept. 3.-Recognition of the Czecho-Slovak nation today by was due to the confusion of the re- cause of the shortage of material in the United States government assures the Czechs of northern Austria of standing in the league of nations. Since it follows similar action by Great Britain, France and Italy, it may have a far-reaching effect on the war situation. It is expected to produce a new alignment of demands upon Germany and Austria-Hungary

at the peace table, The first effect of the American government's action, State depart-ment officials said, will be in the opening of the way to furnishing much-needed war materials and supplies to the Czecho-Slovak armies operating in Siberia and southern Russia. Financial assistance also can be given, and, while no request for such aid has yet been made, it is expected and officials said it will

be granted. May Re-establish Eastern Front. Washington, Sept. 3.-Nearly Officials say the Czecho-Slovaks, 1,000,000 men, or half the railroad emf properly aided, will be able to make more serious offensive. The Czechs in Russia and Siberia are anxious to re-establish an eastern front and are said to lack only equipment and moral support. It is estimated there are from 150,000 to 200,000 Czecho-Slothe line on the right along the north employes drawing relatively lower vaks in Russia and Siberia. These, with the aid of such military assistance as is being furnished by the United States and the allies and the large numbers of Russians which they may attract, are expecte cessfully to combat German and Aus-

trian aggression in the east. In extending recognition to the Czecho-Slovaks the United States went further than France and Great Britain by recognizing the Czecho-Slovak national council as a de facto belligerent government. Prof. Thomas G. Masaryk, president of the national council, will continue to represent the Czecho-Slovaks in a diplomatic way with the American government Charles Percler, his chief assistant road employes was forbidden today by Director General McAdoo will act when Professor Masaryk is

absent from Washington. Will Establish New State.

Recognition of the Czecho-Slovak nation by the United States was delayed because President Wilson and his advisers wished to be certain that the national council, with headquarters in Paris, was the real representative of its people. President Wilson Montreal, Sept. 3-Wage increases has told congress that it was not aggregating \$15,000,000 annually will the purpose of the United States to be granted to 30,000 men in railroad dismember Austria, but the fact that shops throughout Canada, affecting the Czecho-Slovaks as a nation have existed since before the Christian era and recent developments in Ausday. The award is the same as that tria are represented as lending weight given to railway employes in the to a change in this government's atti-United States by Director General

tude.
The terms of peace which the entente nations will impose upon Germany and Austria are expected to establish definitely the territorial position of the Czecho-Slovak nation. This means that the northern tier of states in the dual monarchy, Bohemia Moravia and a part of Galicia, will be severed from the empire and become the independent home of the Czecho-Slovaks. Under this plan the adjoining section of Germany also will be embraced in the newly established nation.

British Experts Expect vention at Canton, O., June 16. Trial American Troops to Give Mopping Up Blow

Assert Swiss Observers London, Sept. 3 .- The strategical situation on the western front leaves to the Americans the duty of striking mopping up blow against the vast German hordes that are being pressed back by the other allies, in the opinon of some of the British military

> Much is expected of the American orces, which are increasing with surorising rapidity. British critics today xpressed belief the Germans will not be able to hold the Sensee and Nord canals and with the Germans losing more of the Hindenburg line every day the experts fail to see where the Germans can make a strong stand after their recent severe defeats and lack of reserves.

Belgian Document Tells

Story of Huns' Invasion Washington, Sept. 3 .- Further revelations concerning Germanys viola-tion of international law in respect to Belgium are contained in a document published by a Belgian commission of inquiry. An official dispatch to-day from France said that in 150 printed pages the commission, in what was decribed as its 23d revelation, dealt extensively with Ger-many's invasion of Belgian territory and the treatment of Belgian prisoners of war in German camps.

QUEANT CAPTURED AND LENS REACHED BY BRITISH TROOPS

Retreating Columns Cut to Pieces by Artillery From Vantage Points; Thousands of Prisoners and Many Dead on Battlefield Testify to Enemy's Heavy Casualties.

BULLETIN.

Amsterdam, Sept. 3.—The German general staff has transferred its headquarters from Spa, Belgium, to Verviers, a little further north and 14 miles east of Liege, according to Les Nouvelles.

By The Associated Press.

From Flanders to Soissons the British, French and Americans are keeping up without cessation their strong offensive tactics. The Germans still are giving ground. Seemingly realization of his peril prompts the enemy to put forth every effort to avert complete disaster.

Territory long held by the enemy has been restored. Thousands of Germans have been sent behind the lines to swell the great throng in prison camps and many of the enemy's dead lying upon the battlefield testify to his heavy casualties.

Federal Force Lured Into Trap by Francisco Villa: Troops Now in Pursuit of the Bandits.

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 3.—Two hundred were killed Thursday in a battle which lasted all day at Pilar De Concho, southwest of Chihuahua City, between the command of Gen. Ernesto Garcia and Francisco Villa. One hundred and twenty federals were killed and 80 Villa followers lost their lives. The news of the fight was brought here today by an American

from Chihuahua City.
General Garcia left Parrel with 250 men in pursuit of Villa. In the field he received an order supposed to have been issued by Pedro Favela, another federal commander, ordering him to unite with the Favela command in a campaign against Villa. An identifying signal was arranged for in the order. When Garcia's men reached the rendezvous suggested in the order and flashed the signal, Villa's men attacked, the order and the signal having been a part of Villa's scheme to lure the federals into a trap, accordng to the American.

General Garcia returned to Chihuahua City, obtained 600 fresh troops and now is pursuing Villa in the vicinity of Niaca.

Preparations to resist an attack by Villa on Chihuahua City on the night of September 15 are in progress and sappers are building elaborate defensive works and gun emplacements near the city.

Schwab Warns Against Taking Skilled Ship Workers in Army Draft

Philadelphia, Sept. 3. - Director General Charles M. Schwab of the emergency fleet corporation tonight sounded a warning against skilled workers being taken from ship yards for the draft. Last week 385 skilled men at Hog Island were taken from the yard and an effort will be made Mr. Schwab said, to stop it. He will endeavor to correct the matter through the industrial relations department of the fleet corporation and f necessary will go to Washington for a conference with General Crowder.

"If we cannot have the men we cannot build the ships," Mr. Schwab said. "They are taking skilled work-men away from the ship yards faster than we can train them."

Three Omahans in Chicago

Take Licenses to Marry Chicago, Ill., Sept. 3.-Marriage icenses were issued today to Henry Ruedy and Miss Loretta Wilson. both of Omaha, and to Thomas P. Fallon, 1102 Park avenue, Omaha, and Miss Emily Klickman, Chicago.

War Expenditures for

monthly records by more than \$100,-000,000, amounting to \$1,714,000,000, on reports up to today. Later reports may raise this by \$50,000,000.

Retreating columns of the Germans have been cut to pieces by the British artillery from captured vantage points before which the enemy was com-pelled to pass unsheltered from the fire of the British gunners. Encroach Upon Cambrai.

From the region around Arras southward to Peronne the British line has moved forward ever since the famous Drocourt-Queant defense line

famous Drocourt-Queant defense line was overwhelmed and left in the rear.

Eastward of the Drocourt line the British now are nearing the Canal Du Nord and Douai, Valenciennes and Cambrai have been further encroached upon by English, Canadian and Australian troops. East of Peronne the British line has been steadily pushed forward. Numerous towns and villages have fallen into British hands, among them Quesny at the southern among them Queant, at the southern end of the Drocourt-Queant line.

To the south the French along the Canal Du Nord are giving the enemy no rest and gradually are blotting out the remaining portion of the salient north of Noyon, while on the Sois-sons sector the French and Americans now are in control of the entire plateau dominating the Aisne, the Chemin Des Dames and the roads to Laon and LaFere.
Penetrate Outskirts of Lens.

In Flanders the British have penetrated the outskirts of Lens, the famous coal mining city in northern France, and farther north in the Lys salient have taken Richebourg, St. Vaast, and established themselves on the line of La Basse road and between there and Etaires, having captured the last named place. Steenwerck and Fulverghem also are in British hands and thus the great salient is virtually

wiped out. Unofficial dispatches say that in the region east and southeast of Arras the Germans are retiring to a new switch line running from Brebieres, five miles southeast of Drocourt, southward to Moeuvres, where it joins the Hindenburg line near Graincourt. If this proves true the new line already seems menaced as Field Mar-shal Haig's men virtually are upon it at Lecluse and Rumacourt, southeast of Arras, and almost abreast of it at Baralle, three miles north of

Moeuvres.

Braish aviators have carried out an intensive bombing raid on towns in the Rhine province dropping large quantities of explosives on Beuhl, Saarbrucken and Ehrang. Heavy damage is said to have done by the missiles dropped from the low flying planes.

Prima Donna's Spouse Charges Alienation of His Wife's Affections

New York, Sept. 3.-Luigi Curci, husband of Mme, Amelita Galli-Curci, prima donna, today began suit against Charles L. Wagner and Homer Samuels, manager and accompanist, respectively, of the noted soprano, eleging alienation of affection and

seeking \$250,000 damages. At the same time Mme. Galli-Curd obtained a writ of replevin of furnishings in her apartment here, where her husband and brother-in-law, Gennaro, have been living.

Prince in Disagreement With General Ludendorff

Washington, Sept. 3.—Dispatches from Switzerland say Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria is in complete lisagreement with General Ludendorff. The crown prince, it is said, August Nearly Two Billion dorff. The crown prince, it is said, opposed the last German offensive, bolding that the Germans had neither war expenditures in August broke all the means nor the strategic posithe means nor the strategic posi-tions to be successful.